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APPLICANT: Tadashi TANIGUCHI, et al. ATTY. DOCKET NO. 09792909-4642
SERIAL NO. 09/675,074 GROUP ART UNIT: 2651
DATE FILED: September 28, 2000 EXAMINER: N. HINDI
INVENTION: "OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE WITH A PLURALITY OF LASER COUPLERS"

INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on September 21, 2004. Applicants received a Notice of Allowance on October 1, 2004. As Applicants filed the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement prior to receiving the Notice of Allowance, Applicants request that the IDS be considered before the application proceeds to issuance.

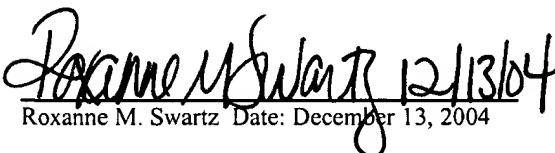
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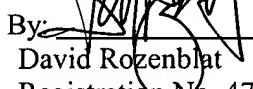
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